

Ohio
Children's
Alliance

*Leading change for child
and family service providers*

SHAPING THE FUTURE:

Advocacy & Innovation in Action

Leading Change for Child and
Family Service Providers.

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

20
24



From Our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the Ohio Children's Alliance, we are dedicated to inspiring, empowering, and connecting individuals to create meaningful change in Ohio's system of care. We firmly believe that the transformation we seek begins within our own communities.

Whether it's devising advocacy solutions, crafting new pilot programs, or expanding service capacity, we know that focusing on the community level is the most impactful and sustainable way to drive change statewide and to truly shape our future.

Over this past year we have achieved significant success by leveraging what works in communities. We are identifying and promoting agency best practices, we are amplifying advocacy goals of local coalitions, and we are strengthening statewide programs by tapping into local resources and expertise.

The results of this work are reflected in the facts and figures throughout this annual report. By far, we are most proud of our prevention-focused progress. Numerous advocacy wins, program gains, and new grants are focused on empowering people and helping them avoid the need for intensive services. Kids and families are becoming more food secure, they are expanding healthy social connections, and they are becoming more self-sufficient.

Collectively, the results that the Alliance has contributed to are strengthening Ohio's system of care and are producing a return on investment for taxpayers. Over the next year, we must deepen our efforts and work more strategically to address the serious challenges facing families and communities.

Your support of the Ohio Children's Alliance breathes life into this work and fuels progress toward our mission. Together, we are building a brighter future for all children and families across our state.

Thank you for being a part of this journey.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mecum'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mark Mecum

*Chief Executive Officer
Ohio Children's Alliance*



About the Ohio Children's Alliance



EDUCATE



ADVOCATE



INNOVATE



CONNECT

The Ohio Children's Alliance is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering Ohio's children, families, and the community-based agencies serving them. For over 50 years, the Alliance has been a changemaker in child and family services, advancing public policy, best practices, and collaborative strategies for a stronger Ohio.

TRUSTED ADVOCATES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Every child deserves a family, and every family deserves a chance for success. These principles guide the mission of the Alliance, Ohio's oldest and largest statewide child advocacy organization. Working hand-in-hand with state policy makers, the Alliance has produced countless reforms, improvements, and funding investments to Ohio's System of Care.

Mission

The Ohio Children's Alliance applies the collective strength of its members to sustainably improve the provision of services to children, young adults, and families through policy advocacy, performance improvement, and member support.

Vision

The best system for better results.

Up Front, In Front, AND PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

In 2024, we advocated on a broad range of children's policy issues before state departments, the Ohio General Assembly, the Governor's office, and federal leaders. **Through these efforts, the Ohio Children's Alliance is a leader in advancing policies that improve the lives of children, youth, and families across Ohio.** We remain committed to strengthening public-private partnerships, protecting funding for critical services, and ensuring that every child has access to the care and support they need to thrive.

Administrative Policy & System Reform

Shaped multiple administrative rules and policy frameworks to improve child welfare and behavioral health services, including:

- **Provided detailed feedback and engaged members on the Continuous Certification Rule Process** at the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY), ensuring a two-year continuing education structure and expanded continuing education options for professionals.
- **Helped design the Child Match Platform**, an online tool connecting foster youth with appropriate placements, ensuring efficiency and user-friendliness for child welfare professionals.
- **Advocated for flexibility in DCY licensure rules**, ensuring access to rehabilitation options for those fostering or working in children's services.
- **Provided key insights on the implementation of Next Generation Managed Care and OhioRISE** measures, assisting members with billing questions and pushing for Medicaid system improvements.
- **Weighed in on federal mental health parity rules and kinship care support changes**, influencing policies that strengthen both child welfare and behavioral health systems nationally.



Legislative Advocacy & Workgroups

Played a leading role in shaping and supporting key legislative efforts to improve services for Ohio's children and families:

- **Adoption Modernization Act (HB 5)**
Played a key role in advocating for HB 5, which modernizes Ohio's adoption process by increasing financial support for expectant mothers, expediting kinship care adoption timelines, and streamlining legal procedures. The bill was enacted and takes effect in March 2025.
- **Foster-to-College Bill (House Bill 164 & Senate Bill 182)**
Worked closely with legislative sponsors and stakeholders to advance this important measure, which would provide tuition support for youth aging out of foster care.
- **Placement Crisis Solutions (House Bill 512)**
Engaged in discussions regarding emergency placement facilities and were named stakeholders in the Placement Solutions Workgroup, which seeks to address the foster care placement crisis and expand treatment foster care and community-based solutions.
- **DCY Residential Facility Regulations (House Bill 583)**
Took a leading role in discussions surrounding HB 583, advocating for balanced reforms that strengthen oversight while ensuring facilities have the necessary tools and protections to operate effectively.
- **ADAMH Board and Provider Contracting Reform (Senate Bill 105)**
Worked with policymakers to shape this bill, which affects behavioral health providers statewide by reforming how local ADAMH Boards contract with community providers.

Federal Advocacy

At the national level, we played a role in securing meaningful reforms, including:

- **Passage of the Find and Protect Foster Youth Act**, ensuring that states prioritize tracking and locating missing foster youth while improving data collection and reporting on vulnerable children.
- **Ongoing engagement with federal agencies on Medicaid behavioral health policies**, advocating for improved reimbursement rates and policy consistency for community-based providers.

EXECUTIVE RETREAT

Bringing together stakeholders to strengthen the future

The Alliance's inaugural executive retreat provided a vital space for leaders across 26 community agencies to step away from their daily operations and focus on the bigger picture—how to not only sustain but transform the system of care for the next decade. Gathering 36 executives from organizations across the state, the retreat fostered meaningful peer connections, in-depth discussions on industry trends, and strategic planning around managed care, evolving regulations, and the role of AI and technology in service delivery. The retreat gave participants the opportunity to engage in forward-thinking conversations, in-person collaboration, and the chance to build stronger networks for the future of children services.

“The day was exactly what we needed, with the topics that were swirling around our heads. It gave us direction and a common language.”



Investing in Brighter Futures

Our advocacy efforts influenced significant funding opportunities, including:

\$19 MILLION
increase in funding for the
Ohio Adoption Grant Program

Ensuring more families have access to adoption support



\$12 million
secured for
OhioMHAS

Shaping the new Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) Request for Proposal (RFP), which expands crisis care access across the state

\$3 MILLION
in placement
crisis funding

Funding the **Menu of Supports Initiative**, which provides additional financial resources to **kinship and foster caregivers, foster care agencies, and residential treatment facilities**



\$3.8+

MILLION

state and foundation
funding

Enabling the Alliance and the Collaborative to provide more services to assist community agencies in advancing the system of care

\$126,000

Innovation Grant from OhioMHAS

Funding evaluation and advancement of Ohio's respite support services

\$26,000+

from Ohio's TechCred Department

Equipping Alliance and Collaborative staff with professional development in technology



ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

A holistic, data-driven approach to shaping the future

The Alliance oversees 7 programs and provides administrative support to the Collaborative, Ohio's first and largest clinically integrated network of community behavioral health providers. Through partnerships with public and private organizations, community change-makers, and government agencies, the Alliance leads numerous programs that strengthen Ohio's system of care.

1

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (COE)

This statewide program strengthens care for children with complex behavioral needs by training providers and improving system coordination. We accomplish this through organized learning communities, strategic mini-grants for professional development, and immersion learning experiences at conferences.

2

FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT

Increasing awareness and the number of qualified kinship, foster care, and adoptive families across the state, in partnership with ODCY It Takes Heart Ohio™ Campaign.

3

MENU OF SUPPORTS



New pilot program in 2024! Empowering community agencies and foster/kinship caregivers to increase the availability of placement options to serve children in need of placement through a financial incentive approach.



 = Pilot Program

4

OHIO REACH

Supports former foster youth as they pursue a certificate or degree through a network of higher education institutions across the state.

New Micro-Grant program for Ohio Reach Postsecondary Designated Institutions, allowing institutions of higher education to fund innovative new programs, including housing stipends, a career closet, mentorship programs, and more for young adults who have experienced the foster care system.

5

MENTAL HEALTH BRIDGE

A proactive approach connecting Ohio child care centers and parents with a statewide network of mental health providers that have expertise and certification in early childhood mental health addressing immediate concerns as well as long-term mental health and resilience. Investing in mental health benefits our youngest Ohioans and their families as well as their communities and future generations.

6

THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE (TCC)

Behavioral health providers partnered with child care centers to deliver services that support, compliment, and enhance a center's ability to sustain enrollment for children with complex behaviors and emotions.

7



FOSTERING FUTURES

New pilot program in 2024!

Through collaborations with funders, employers, and community agencies, this program gives motivated youth the chance to pursue education and training in the culinary arts and build a meaningful career trajectory.



ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

Transforming Lives: Stories of hope and resilience



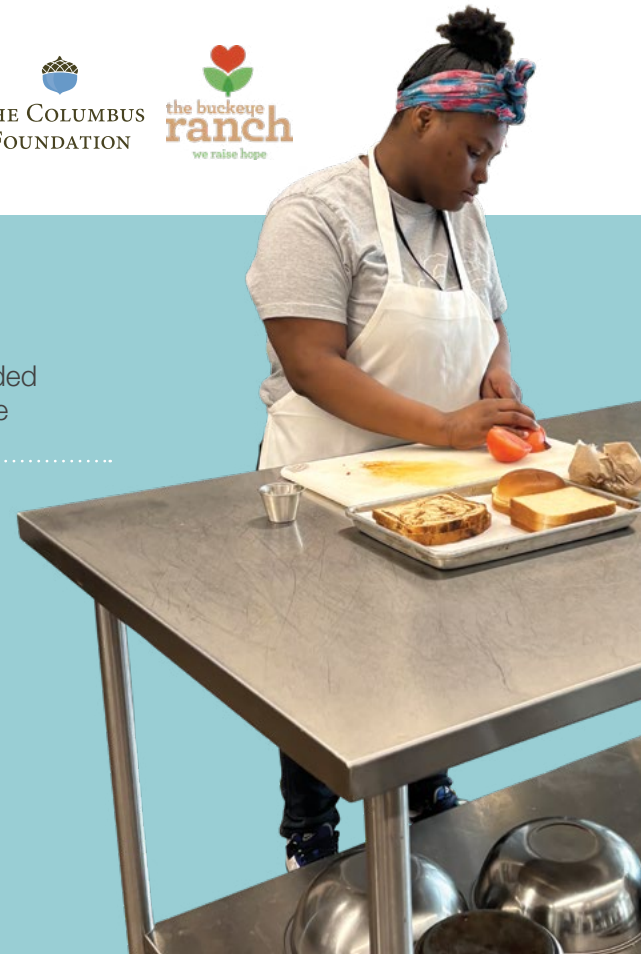
FOSTERING FUTURES



Lexi's participation in the inaugural Fostering Futures program has given her the opportunity to develop professional culinary skills and gain valuable life lessons in patience, communication, and teamwork. While she was initially hesitant to join, she overcame her doubts with encouragement and thrived in the 16-week program, learning from industry experts at Columbus State Community College. With support from The Buckeye Ranch, including career coaching and financial assistance, Lexi successfully completed the program and is awaiting a paid internship from Cameron Mitchell Restaurants. Looking ahead, she is determined to achieve financial stability and pursue her lifelong dream of earning a degree in marine biology.

"The program has set me up to reach my future goals by being very supportive. I've had some hard times and my program coach from The Buckeye Ranch was able to help me get the resources I needed in moments where I couldn't afford food or gas."

– Lexi



13

young adults enrolled in the pilot program

Culinary Skills Training

16 weeks of tailored coursework provided by Columbus State Community College

Employer Engagement

Hospitality and culinary service employers collaborate with the Alliance to provide job placements

Success Coaching

Provided by the Buckeye Ranch

MENU OF SUPPORTS



The new Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity empowers community agencies and foster/kinship caregivers to meet emergent needs of children involved in Ohio’s children services system. This opportunity focuses on providing funding in three key areas:

PATHWAY 1:
Increased Utilization of Residential and Group Homes
GOAL: Support and increase residential treatment congregate care beds to meet the needs of Ohio’s high-need youth.

PATHWAY 2:
Treatment Foster Parent and Approved Kinship Caregiver Supports
GOAL: Increase and retain treatment foster homes and kinship caregivers for Ohio’s youth.

PATHWAY 3:
Transition of Youth Residing in a PCSA or in Hospitals
GOAL: Prioritize placement stability for difficult-to-place Ohio youth.

The Menu of Supports Funding Opportunity is administered by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth through a contract with Ohio Children’s Alliance.



155

applications received on the **FIRST** day



437

representatives attended informational sessions

\$3.2+ MILLION



from Ohio Department of Children and Youth

OHIO REACH

Jay’s journey through the foster care system was filled with uncertainty, multiple placements—some loving, others traumatic—and the harsh reality of falling through the cracks. Forced into independent living at 16, Jay struggled with financial instability, homelessness, and a lack of a safety net while pursuing college. The absence of resources and support led to hardships, but also fueled a passion for ensuring that other foster youth don’t face the same challenges. Now with Ohio Reach, foster youth are connected to vital education, housing, and financial resources—all of the things that she wishes she had access to while in the foster care system. Through resilience and advocacy, Jay has turned pain into purpose, proving that the right support can transform lives.



“Everything that was supposed to break me has made me stronger.”

– Jay

OVER 120

students in Ohio Reach programs

40 Ohio Institutions of Higher Education hold the Ohio Reach Postsecondary Designation



\$38K+

Distributed to Newly Designated Institutions

\$12K

Total Student Scholarships Distributed

MENTAL HEALTH BRIDGE



Mental Health Bridge expanded access to high-quality, individualized mental health services to young children enrolled in child care through the development of a secure, online referral software solution. It also cultivated a network of early childhood mental health providers able to offer services at their organization, at the child's home, and at the child care center.

Funding for Mental Health Bridge was provided to Ohio Children's Alliance through the Ohio Department of Children and Youth. The pilot program began in July 2022 and concluded on June 30, 2024.



“Having the Mental Health Bridge come into our center and work with our families has been a Godsend. We are able to address the children’s individual anxieties, worries, and concerns.”

– Central Ohio Child Care Center

MENTAL HEALTH BRIDGE

Reduced waiting times for early childhood mental health services to **a median wait time of 21 days** from referral to assessment, as compared to wait times which can last 6-12 months.

\$8-\$15

in savings per child
for every dollar invested in
early mental health services

45 child care centers
making **176** referrals to
17 networked ECMH providers



66
assessments
completed



276
follow-up clinical
services provided



ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

The numbers behind our success in 2024

THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE (TCC)

0 expelled from the participating child care centers after quarter 1

Improvement of DECA scores from pre-test assessments to post-test assessments

Lower behavioral health staff turnover than national average



6
behavioral health organizations



16
child care centers

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (COE)

7 Learning Community Sessions focused on the use and expansion of health information technology

Awarded Youth Peer Support grants totaling \$30,831 to:

- OhioGuidestone
- Pathways Counseling
- Lighthouse
- Talbert House

**Provided
\$23,000**

**in mini-grants for
29 participants from
15 different agencies to
attend the National Council
Middle Management Academy**

FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT

It Takes 100% Heart™ Campaign



491,890
visitors to the website



3,826
inquiry form submissions

Connected with more than 44 million Ohioans through an innovative advertising media campaign:

- 166 gas station pump TV screens in 62 counties
- 23 movie theaters in 22 counties
- 14 strategically located billboards in 14 counties

FOSTER CARE IN FOCUS:
Insights from Former & Current Ohio Caregivers

Released a report sharing opinions and insights from over 2,000 Ohio Foster Caregivers, providing valuable information on resource caregiver recruitment, retention, and support.

You can read the report at:
dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/jfs.ohio.gov/OFC/fostercareinfocusfosterparentsurveyreport.pdf



ADVANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND
SOCIAL SERVICES INNOVATION

The Collaborative is a nonprofit corporation and subsidiary of the Ohio Children’s Alliance consisting of **more than 40 community agencies** who work together to advance value-based care and social services innovation across the state.

CLINICALLY INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE NETWORK (CIN)



In 2024, our collaborative efforts drove system-wide improvements in foster care and behavioral health services through strategic value-based contracting and network expansion. **We grew our provider network from 34 to 39 agencies.** By securing value-based agreements with payors, providers are incentivized to improve outcomes in critical areas such as seven-day follow-ups, medication adherence, and reducing hospital admissions.

A significant focus has been supporting agencies in navigating Ohio’s Next Generation Medicaid program, particularly the implementation of the Provider Network Management (PNM) system. Through shared learning workgroups and a coding and billing learning community, we have helped members adapt to system changes, streamline credentialing, and reduce administrative barriers. These initiatives underscore the power of collaboration—bringing providers together to enhance care, share best practices, and collectively improve outcomes.

BRIDGES

Bridges empowers foster youth ages 18 to 21 who are pursuing independence in adulthood by:



Achieving educational success



Pursuing career opportunities



Securing safe and stable housing



1 in 7 participants enrolled with unstable housing



98% of 21-year-olds exited with stable housing



60

participants graduated from an educational program

1,124 young adults served

Housing for Daniel

During the referral process, several Regional Coordinators from the Collaborative met regularly with Daniel and his service team to create a comprehensive transition plan. This plan aimed to ensure a smooth enrollment into the Bridges program for Daniel. The service team, which included the assigned Bridges Provider agency, secured adequate funding and found appropriate housing for him. They also assisted Daniel in acquiring additional items for his new home.

RESPIRE CARE

This past year marked significant progress in expanding and strengthening respite care services across our network. **Providers delivered high-quality care, growing the network by adding new providers and increasing referrals by over 100%.**

Agencies also leveraged respite care not only as a critical support for families but as a workforce development tool to train and retain providers. Investments in training, technical assistance, and an enhanced referral platform increased the number of children served. As a large statewide provider of behavioral health respite in OhioRISE, our network drives best practices, advocacy, and capacity-building efforts that benefit providers and families statewide.



“Although we have always offered respite services through our continuum of care, the number of respites we are currently providing has substantially increased. **Our foster families that have adopted special needs children are finding it as a huge resource.** This offers many families an extra support to help preserve the family upon reunification.”

Adriel

“This gave him, and his family, an opportunity to have experiences that would not otherwise have been possible.

The respite worker was able to connect with him and give him a voice. He said that he never had anyone actually listen to him and try to understand him like his respite worker did.”

Pathway Caring for Children

“My respite provider, Terra, is one of my favorite person on this planet, she’s one of my strong support system. Sometimes me and Terra go to the park to spend time with nature or play tennis. I confide to her with my problems and she just listens to my rants. She doesn’t judge me.”

18-year-old respite client

FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM



Launched in May 2024, our screening and referral pilot program is a focused but powerful initiative aimed at addressing food insecurity among families receiving behavioral health services. In collaboration with Beech Brook and Integrated Services for behavioral health, two provider agencies serving both urban (Cuyahoga) and rural (Athens) communities, the program integrates food security screenings into new referrals.

Families identified as food insecure receive a continually updated Food Resource Guide, connecting them to local food banks, SNAP application assistance, and other critical supports.

The pilot, supported by UnitedHealthcare®, highlights the deep connections between food access and mental health, bringing this issue to the forefront. The initiative has already demonstrated impact, with increased screenings and stronger community awareness.



SPRING CONFERENCE

The **Spring Conference** brought together experts and leaders to explore critical topics in child services, with a strong focus on trauma-informed care and youth mental health. Dr. Bruce Perry gave a presentation on the profound impact of trauma and neglect on child development. Becky Haas shared practical strategies for integrating trauma-informed approaches into our communities. And Tia Marcel Moretti, Chief Advisor for OhioMHAS, delivered an inspiring keynote, celebrating the successes of OhioRISE and outlining the DeWine administration's vision for strengthening youth mental health services over the next 1,000 days.

FALL CONFERENCE

The **Fall Conference** provided a dynamic platform for leaders to exchange ideas and explore innovative approaches to strengthening child and youth services. Director Amy Ast (Youth Services) and Chief Advisor Tia Marcel Moretti (OhioMHAS) shared key updates on statewide initiatives. The morning featured engaging TED-style presentations, with Pam Scott (The Buckeye Ranch) highlighting the importance of transforming new hire orientation into meaningful moments of connection. DeShon Clark (Allventa) explored the transformative potential of AI in child services, while Brice Mickey (Beech Acres Parenting Center) and Matt Kresic (Cadence Care Network) underscored the role of creativity in sustaining and evolving organizations.

Convened the

48TH ANNUAL

Alliance Spring Conference and Alliance Fall Conference before **957 participants**, featuring **52 presenters** and **69 sessions**.



Both conferences reinforced the **power of collaboration, innovation, and strategic thinking** in shaping the future of youth services.

Convened two statewide conferences in partnership with the **Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**

to advance Trauma Informed Care and Women's Treatment before

728
participants,

featuring
66
presenters

and

52
individual
sessions.



Thank you to our generous sponsors for helping us shape a brighter future for children in Ohio. Your support provides hope, stability, and opportunities, making a lasting impact on children, their families, and our communities.

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PROGRAM COLLABORATIONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

- Adriel
- Anew Behavioral Health
- Bellefaire JCB
- Best Point Education and Behavioral Health
- Cadence Care Network
- Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
- Focus on Youth
- Harbor
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- National Youth Advocate Program
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- OhioGuidestone
- Ohio MENTOR
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Positive Leaps
- PsyCare
- Quality Moments
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
- Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers
- St. Vincent Family Services
- The Buckeye Ranch
- The Village Network
- Unison Health

RESPIRE

- Adriel
- Beech Brook
- Cadence Care Network
- Focus on Youth
- I am Boundless
- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
- National Youth Advocate Program
- Ohio MENTOR
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Quality Moments
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
- St. Vincent Family Services
- The Buckeye Ranch
- The Village Network
- UMCH Family Services

FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT

- Cadence Care Network
- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
- National Youth Advocate Program
- Sojourner's Care Network

BRIDGES

- Adriel
- Agape for Youth
- Beech Brook
- Cadence Care Network
- Focus on Youth
- Marsh Foundation
- Necco
- NewPath Child and Family Solutions
- Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
- National Youth Advocate Program
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Pressley Ridge
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth
- Shelter Care
- Sojourner's Care Network
- South Community
- Southeast Healthcare Services
- UMCH Family Services/CHOICES



OHIO REACH

- Antioch College
- Aultman College
- Belmont College
- Buckeye Hills Career and Technical Center
- Canton City Career and Technical Center
- Central Ohio Technical Center
- Choffin Career and Technical Center
- Clark State College
- Cleveland State University
- Collins Career and Technical Center
- Columbus City Adult Education
- Columbus State Community College
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- Defiance College
- Hocking College
- Kent State University
- Lorain County Community College
- Lourdes University
- Mahoning County Career and Technical Center
- Malone University
- Maplewood Career Center
- Miami University
- Mid-East Career and Technical Center
- Mount Carmel College of Nursing
- North Central State College
- Ohio University
- Owens State Community College
- Pickaway Ross Career and Technology Center
- Rhodes State College
- Scioto County Career and Technical Center
- Stark State College
- The Ohio State University
- The Ohio State University - Mansfield
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash
- University of Mount Union
- Washington County Career Center
- Washington State College of Ohio
- Wright State University

CLINICALLY INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE NETWORK

- Abraxas Youth and Family Services
- Adriel
- Anew Behavioral Health
- Bair Foundation
- Beech Acres Parenting Center
- Beech Brook
- Best Point Education & Behavioral Health
- Buckeye Ranch
- Cadence Care Network
- Christian Children's Home of Ohio
- CHOICES, Inc.
- Eastway Behavioral Healthcare
- Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
- Focus on Youth
- Genacross
- Greene County ESC
- Ground Work Play Therapy
- I am Boundless
- Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
- Marsh Foundation
- National Youth Advocate Program
- NewPath Child & Family Solutions
- Ohio MENTOR
- Omni Family of Services
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Positive Education Program
- Positive Leaps
- Pressley Ridge
- PsyCare
- Quality Moments
- SAFY
- South Community
- St. Vincent Family Services
- Talbert House
- The Village Network
- Thrive Therapeutics
- UMCH Family Services
- ViaQuest

2024 MEMBERS



Ohio Children's Alliance Members as of 1/1/25

A Loving Heart Youth Services
 A New Leaf
Anthony's Villa
 A Place of Hope
 Abraxas Youth & Family Services
 Adopt America Network
 Adriel
 Advocates for Families
 Agape for Youth
 Amazing Grace Treatment Center
 Anew Behavioral Health
 Bair Foundation
 Beech Acres Parenting Center
 Beech Brook
 Belmont Pines Hospital
 Best Point Education & Behavioral Health
 Buckeye Ranch, The
 Cadence Care Network
 Caring for Kids
 Charlie Health
 Children's Center of Ohio
 CHOICES
 Choices Coordinated Care Solutions
 Christian Children's Home of Ohio
 Community Teaching Homes
 Dungarvin Ohio
 Eastway Behavioral Healthcare
 Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
Foundation of Love for Youth (FLY House)
 Focus on Youth
 Fox Run Center for Children & Adolescents
 Genacross Family & Youth Services
 Ground Work Play Therapy
 DTAC Ohio
 House of New Hope
I am Boundless
 Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
 Isaiah's Place
 Journey Home Foster Care & Adoption
 JusticeWorks Youth Care
 Kids Count Too
 Life Start
 Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
 Marsh Foundation, The
 Mayo Home for Youth Development
 Mended Reeds
 Mohican Young Star Academy
 National Youth Advocate Program
 Nationwide Children's Hospital
 Necco
 New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center
 New Mercy Outreach

New Path Child & Family Solutions
 Northeast Ohio Adoption Services
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 Ravenwood Health
 Reach Counseling
 Safely Home
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 Wingspan Care Group - Applewood Centers
 Wingspan Care Group - Bellefaire JCB
 Wingspan Care Group - Bluestone Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital
 Wingspan Care Group - Lifeworks
 Wingspan Care Group - Wuliger Wellness Center
 Youth Advocate Services
 Youth Intensive Services
 Youth Villages

Denotes new member

Collaborative Members as of 1/1/25

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2024 PARTNERS

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Social Current
SPARC Network
Association of Children's Residential Centers
Child Welfare League of America
Family Focused Treatment Association
National Organization of State Associations for Children Partnership for America's Children

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Advocates for Ohio's Future
Coalition for Healthy Communities
Ohio Adoption Planning Group
Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice

PUBLIC PARTNERS

Greene County ESC Behavioral Services
Muskingum County Children Services
Trumbull County Children Services

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

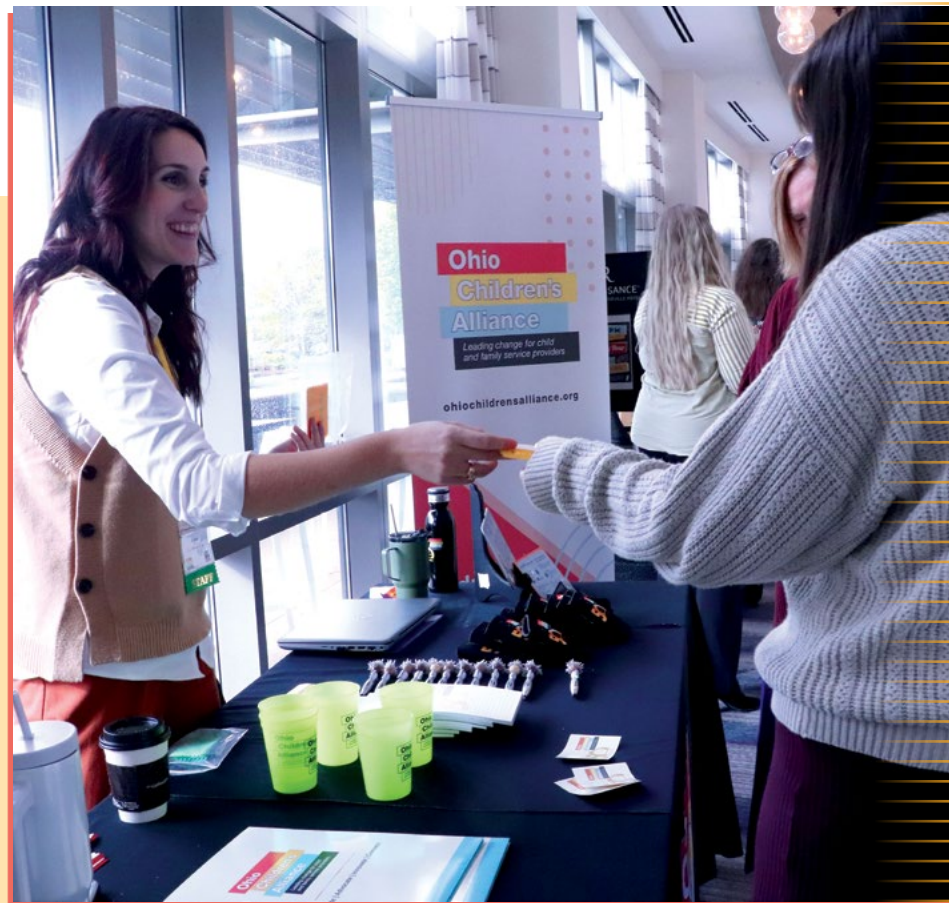
100% would recommend joining the Alliance to their peers

95% find committee meetings valuable or extremely valuable

86% are very satisfied with the information they receive about public policy and business developments in our sector

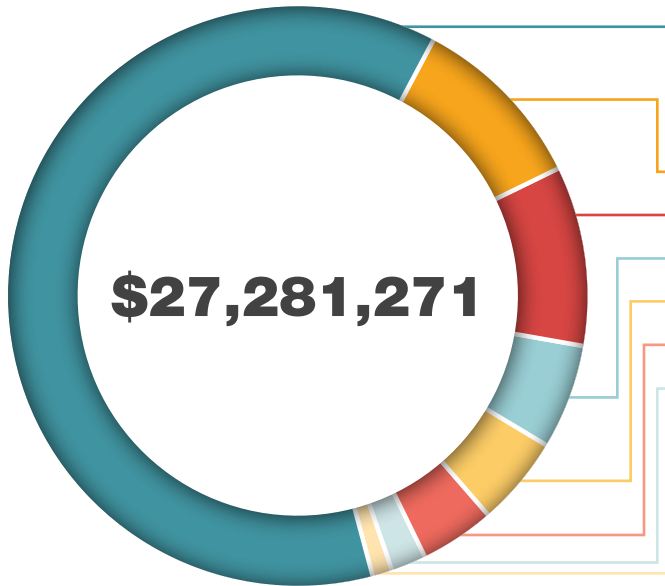
“The Alliance provides us with updated information that directly impacts our operation, and we continue to appreciate the relationship and assistance when we reach out.

– Anonymous, Member 2024 Survey



FINANCIALS

2024 TOTAL REVENUE



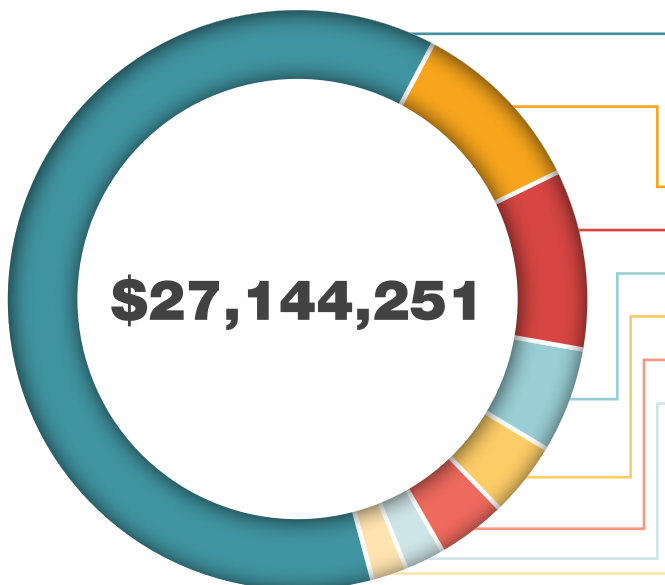
Programs

Bridges	62%	\$16,913,735
Foster Home Recruitment	10%	\$2,744,535
Menu of Supports	10%	\$2,651,556
Healthcare Network	6%	\$1,707,155
Membership and Events	5%	\$1,459,716
Early Childhood	4%	\$992,855
Other Program Services	2%	\$531,361
Investment	1%	\$230,555
Contributions	0%	\$49,805

TOTAL

\$27,281,271

2024 TOTAL EXPENSES



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Menu of Supports	10%	\$2,651,556
Healthcare Network	6%	\$1,518,738
Membership and Events	4%	\$1,073,096
Early Childhood	4%	\$1,034,581
Other Program Services	2%	\$611,430
Administrative	2%	\$588,473
Fundraising	0%	\$8,108

TOTAL

\$27,144,251

**Pre-audit figures consolidated net assets, as of 12/31/24 – \$3,021,640*



At the heart of the Ohio Children's Alliance is a dedicated team of professionals who work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and families across Ohio. Their passion, innovation, and unwavering commitment drive our mission forward each day. In 2024, our staff rose to new challenges, collaborating, problem-solving, and advocating for those we serve. Their dedication ensures that children, youth, and families receive the support and opportunities they need to thrive. We are deeply grateful for their hard work, compassion, and leadership—because of them, our impact continues to grow.

Thank you for all that you do!

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